HAS RUGER SOLD HIMSELF?

Startling Rumor Current at Fortress Monroe.

SERGEANT DISAPPEARS

Is an Expert Ordannee Saldier and Pamiliar With the Defenses of the Fort and Harbor - The Charge Openly Made That Spanish Gold Has Bought Him.

Mr. F. W. Hinman, of New Haven, Coun., who has just returned from Old Poput Comfort, brings to this city a startling tale which confirms the dispath from Newport News printed in The Times vesterday morning about the disappearance of a soldler at Fortress Mon

Watter Roper, alian Techerning, netword in the ordnance corps of the Army, stationed at the above named fort, disappeared five days ago. He had been in the service clicht years and by his military training, received in the tier man ormy, and his remarkable knowledge of all matters permaning to the Ordnance Expartment, rose to the rank of revecant and to be head draughts much at his station.

He was thoroughly familiar with the entire plan of the fortifications, knew the location of every mine half in the water near the fort, and knew every piece of ordnauce in use in America. Contrary to the reports sent out last might, he never was known to drink intoxicants to excoss. He was always at his post of fluty, and in every way a model

In fact, the officers came to regard him as & man to be trusted with any and all secrets which they themselves had, and no one suspected that he was not worthy of the confidence reposed in him.

He was well advented, spoke English and German equally well, was well up in French, and spoke Spanish like a native. The latter accomplishment was remembered as soon as it was found that he had gone.

At first the officers were inclined to think that he had merely gone off on what they termed a "tear," but his rec-ord argued against this solution of the Obseppearance, and when three days had classed they began to believe that he had sold his information to Spanish officers, possibly to Minister Polo or possibly to gome Spanish spy.

The story crept out, and all Newport 1882. He was president of the Republican News, Norfolk and Hampton became excited over the matter. The enlisted men at the fort confirmed the rumors about elected to the Fifty-fifth Congress us a the desertion, and many an anxious ross. Republican, to represent the Thirteenth dent of that vicinity began to look Massuchusetts district. His home was in around for some trace of him. Nowhere, however, could any clew

to his wherenbours be found. The War Department was notified immediately, and an earnest but fruitless official search for the missing man was begun, Dock Superintendent Williams told Mr. Bluman yesterday that the officers were pertain that the man had sold himself to Spalu, and that he would never be daz, though crippled by a gale, is ordered caught. The greatest anxiety now exists at Feriress Monroe, and in the im-mediate neighborhood. It is thought that beems smashed in her stern twisted seva complete change of the submarine

tifications themselves will have to be Ruser is a naturalized citizen of this country.

mines will be ordered, and that the for-

THE SPANISH ELECTIONS.

The Liberals Successful by a Large Majority.

Madeid, March 27.-The parliamentary elections that were held today have gon by a harme majority in favor of the Liberals, the party now in power. Very litthe interest was munifested in Madrid, and the pelling booths were almost de

period. Most all the candidates elected

here are Liberals. Blots are reported from many places. the troubles seing famented by socialists. This was especially the case in the provinces of Biscay, Navarre, Catale nin, and Valencia. At Durango, in the province of Bingay, one man was killed. At Hilban, in the same province, there was quite a surrous stor. The mortalises bliverly opposing the considerare of

Senor Rivas, a millionaire.

The leader of the socialists was arrested. His followers attacked the genstarmes and a brink light ensued. The gendarmes were re-enforced and then suo vesded in restoring order. There is, however, much excitement in the city. At Barcelona several arrests were made

of discurbers of the peace. It is estimated toolght that the government has won 200 of the 432 scats in the Chamber of Deputies.

It is reported that the Conservative intend to propose that the troops in the but the second buildhead stopped the wa- done properly and according to contract. Interior of Caba withdraw to the coast until the Autonomists and Separatists arrive at an agreement, but it is not suspected that the chamber will entertain the proposal.

It is believed that Senor Polo y Bernabe, the Spanish minister at Washington, will hand the Spanish report on the Maine disaster to President McKinley Tuesday. The government does not des pair of staying the President's action for

Sentenced to Juli.

Representative McMillin of Tenness was a witness today in the Police Court against John Walters, alias George Stewart, colored, bell boy at the Hotel Normandie. Mr. McMillin explained Normandie. Mr. McMillin explained that he had reported to the police the theft from his room of a pair of pants and a walstcoat, which after the arrest of Walters he identified as his property. Detective Maller arrested Walters, who was identified by several clothing deal-ers to whom he had sold goods. Judge Scott sentenced the accused to ninety days in ball.

Fannic Davenport Better,

Chicago, March 28.-Fanny Davenport who is confined to her bed at the Great Northern Hotel, with heart trouble, is reported as being much better this morning. Her physician no longer con-siders her condition critical.

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CONGRESSMAN SIMPKINS DEAD

Representative John Simpking of

residence, 1717 K Street. He had been

ill for a few days with grip; this all-

ment was followed by an attack of in-

flammation of the bowels. Yesterday peri-

tonitis developed, and at 10 o'clock last

night he was seized with an attack of

Mr. Simpkins was thirty-five years old

and a bachelor. He was a member of the

Metropolitan Club, and in addition to his

prominence among the younger mem

bers of the House, was especially iden

tified with the social life of the capital He was born in New Bedford, Mass.

and was graduated from Harvard in

18%. He was a member of the Massa

chusetts senate in 1990 and 1991, and wa

a Presidential elector for Harrison in

Club of Massachusetts in 1892-93-94. He

THE AUDAZ DISABLED.

Two of Spain's Torpedo Boat De-

stroyers Encounter a Hurricane

maxs: "The torpedo boat destroyer Au-

eral feet out of line and other serious

the Bay of Biscay on the way from her

ter, preventing her from foundering.

"Her captain intended to take the ves-

earlist moment. Therefore, the captain

was ordered to take her to Queenstown

for temporary repairs to enable her to

make Lisbon or Cadiz as soon as the

"The captain told the correspondent

today that he was extremely anxious

concerning the fate of the Osado, a sis-

ter boat, which left the Clyde with the

Audaz and encountered the same violent storm. He hoped she would obtain shel-

ter in some other port, but there is no

report yet of her arrival anywhere. The

two new torpedo boat destroyers parted

Russin's Banner in China.

Pekin, March 28.-The Russian flag is

ow floating over Port Arthur and Ta-

Eating the Enters.

(From the St. Paul Disputch.)

The Alaskan Indians have enten the '97 crop of logs, and the Alaska miners are now about ready a begin on the Alaska Indians.

Bancoed.

(From the Omaha Bee.)

There is an impression abroad that when the Rotherhilds invested in Spanish bonds they bought a gold brick that was chiefly brass.

Mny Be So.

(From the St. Paul Disputch.) The question may yet be, how much will Spain give Cuba for permission to take her troops

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weather permits.

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THE TELL-TALE BOTTOM PLATE.

"Her captain intended to take the ves-sel to Clyde for repairs, but the govern-ment at Madrid deemed it important that

the Audaz should reach Spain at the cartist moment. Therefore, the captain was ordered to take her to Queenstown was ordered to take her to Queenstown proving to suchib her to

to Spain with all possible harte.

was elected to the Pirty-fourth and re-

Yarmouth.

vomiting and suddenly expired.

The Result of Grip Followed by Peritonitis.

Massachusetts, died suddenly at 16:30 o'clock last evening at his Washington

PRESIDENT McKINLEY.

FLORA'S OPENING SEASON. Open-Air Exhibitions in the Streets of New York.

New York, March 28.-Lovers of flowers who visited the old Clinton produce market, at West and Canal Streets, today were surprised to find the old building in the hands of the florists. The New York Market Florists' Association has taken the building for a market. Hitherto the flower growers who have tried to sell their wares in the metropolis have seen led a pillar-to-post existence. The city never allowed them "inside space in the markets and they were relegated to the Union Square payement in the early hours of the morning, and to the minviting triangle at West and Canal Streets. No matter what the weather was, they had to brave it if they wished

to dispose of their products.

Last Fall the chief growers on Long Island and New Jersey formed an association, one of the principal objects of which was to change the order of things and secure for the florists an indoor mar-ket. Finally things cannel their way, The invasion of the big stores into the or included the career of Clin-ton market, and the city found itself without a teriani. It minds overtures to the florists, who marnanipously agreed to overlook the treatment of the past. and to accept the good thing that the gods so tardily tendered them. The ques-tion of cost cut very little figure, for under the viid order of things they had to pay each 25 cents rent for the space tion of cost cut very little figure, for money on so short a notice, under the old order of things they had to pay each 25 cents rent for the space on the payement, and besides pay a lock the doors and see how much money

THE POWER OF SONG.

Singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner" Stirs Athletes.

York, March 28.-it was due en tirely to the war fever and to the patriotic feeling aroused by the singing of the national hymn that the members of the New York Athletic Club succeeded Saturday night in covering the last cent of ndebtedness on their new building. The New York Athletic Club threv

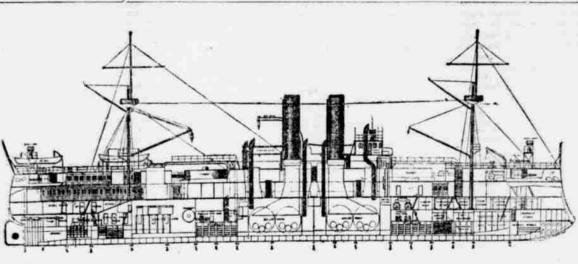
open the doors of its new clubbous Sixth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street Saturday. The house had been finished at a cost of over \$100,000. Bonds had been issued for that amount and the members had hoped to be able to sell the bonds readily,
But when the members of the finance

committee met in the gymnasium of their new quarters Saturday evening, there was still \$16,000 to be raised. How o do it was a puzzie,

President James Whitely, of the club, called the members to order. He ex-plained the question at issue and he called upon the members to come for-ward and subscribe freely. "Let us enter this new clubbonse with-

out a penny of mortgage on it," shouted Eartow S. Weeks, once president of the club climbing on the platform. The members heard the call, but there was a feeling that it would be an utter

impossibility to raise so large a sum of



PROFILE VIEW OF THE MAINE.

see that the laws are enforced in regard to the closing of salous on Sundays and at other times prescribed by law; also that all houses of ill-fame are abolished, and that girls and young women are kept off the streets after \$0 clock at night. They are also to make war upon drink and tobacco, and will endeaver to get all mothers to keep their daughters from associating with young men of bad habits. It is the aim of the solety not only to reform the porais of the town, only to reform the porais of the town, only to reform the porais of the town as bad sewerage, faulty pavements, and as bad sewerage, faulty pavements, and all other city work that has not been all other city work that has not been all other city work that has not been as long as there of the solety not only to reform the porais of the town, only to reform the porais of the town, and so put a stop to other abuses, such as bad sewerage, faulty pavements, and as long to to lock of the solety not only to reform the porais of the town, only to reform the porais of the town, and as long as they choose. When the hour is clock for opening the market they can remain opening the market this morning arrived there was a habits. It is the aim of the solety not only to reform the porais of the town, only to reform the porais of the solety not only to reform the porais of the solety not only to reform the porais of the town, only to reform the porais of the solety not only to reform the porais of the solety not only to reform the porais of the town, on the remain of the required \$46.000 had been to an of a good stand. The florists were consumer to sing great rejoicing. The members cheered and cheered and continued to sing particle songs. The doors were thrown open as there never was a might design particle songs. The doors were thro New York, Murch 28, 4 a. m.-A Waterford, Ireland, cablegram to the World "She put in here Friday with both damage, sustained while trying to cross ilders at Clyde Bank, Scotland, to Ferrol. Spain. Her collision bulkhead burst

The very best ladies of the city are at the head of the organization, and they

"Binghamton is fast becoming a very

wicked town, and our sons and daugh ters are being ruined. The saloons under

against all lawbreakers."

of Warwick's injuries.

Frank Martin in Jail.

see that the laws are enforced in regard their places through the dreary hours of reached the required \$46,000 had been

MRS. PARNELL PASSES AWAY. of the Mother Irish Leader.

Dublin, March 27.-Delin Stewart Parnell, who was badly burned yesterday at her home, Avondale, County Wicklow, by her clothing igniting as she was sit-ting by the fire, died today from the of-She was the mother of the late Charles

Mrs. T. B. Bryan Dend.

Chicago, March 27.-Mrs. Thomas B. Bryan, mother of Charles Page Bryan, United States minister to Brazil, died today at the country home of the Bryan foony at the country nome of the Bryan family, "Byrd's Nest," two miles from the village of Elmshurst. Mrs. Bryan was sixty-three years old. Before her marriage Mrs. Bryan was Mss Byrd Page, a Virginia beauty. She became the wife of Thomas B. Bryan, a member of one of the first families of Virginia in 1851.

The case against August Roberts, known as "Diamond Dick," the aged white man

"Biamond Dick" Held for Trial

arrested yesterday by Detectives Baur and Parham, and charged with assaulting Violet Sites, a fifteen-year-old child, was continued in the Police Court today by Judge Kimboli. The man was representaddy Attorney Campbell Carrington, who asked a jury trial and secured his release on \$500 bend. An additional charge of vagrancy was also postponed until the other case was heard.

Purse Soutchers Sent to Jull.

Two colored boys, Charles Robinson and Robert L. Bird, were arraigned before Judge Scott this morning, charged by Detective Hartigan with snatching a pocketbook containing \$18 from Mrs. Mary L. Carrol. Mrs. Carrol was on a Ninth Street car passing the Center Marboys jumped on the car and committed the robbery. Detective Hartigan arrested the boys

mond Labargeaux, a farmer living eight miles out of this town, has postponed his departure for the Klondike entirely owing to the misdemeaners of a male goat known in that neighborhood as "Houlanger.

For several months Labargeaux has For several months Laborgeaux and been smitten with the gold fever, and only recently, being a middle-aged widd-ower, he negotiated the sale of his farm for \$1,000, in order to grubstake himself and his only son, Onesime.
The Labargeauxs are large, powerful
men, devold of fear for anything except savings banks and the parish
priest. Accordingly they demanded
payment in cash, and took the money
home.

Arriving there, they placed ten \$100 notes on the kitchen table with a stove lid to hold them down. Just then the horse took fright at two cats who had started to fight on the adjacent fence and ran away. Mr. Labarageaux gave chase, leaving the door open.

This was Boulanger's opportunity.

From an ash bean on which he had

From an ash heap, on which he had been browsing, he strolled into the kitchen and, after upsetting the souppot and doing other sundry things, he proceeded to lunch leisurely on the "Sacre dieu!" "Nom du pipe!" "Mille tonners!" "Godam!" screamed the La-

bargeauxs. Five minutes later Boulanger was dead and turned inside out, while fath-er and son were exploring his vitals in search of the musticated notes.

Having sifted them out as fast as pos-sible, they drove back and placed the debris in the hands of a lawyer, who will make an effort to recover the value of the bills from the government. The Labargeauxs will be allowed to

keep their house for a month longer. THE MASONIC FAIR.

Pentalpha Lodge Will Use Electricity Lavishly.

An attraction at the Masonic Detective Hartigan arrested the boys and exposition will be the beautiful electric illumination of Pentalpha Judge Scott said that in view of the Lodge, No. 23. The five-pointed star.



number of thefts of this kind that had occurred in the last two months he believed there was an organized gang of there was an organized gang of the streets surrounding. In addition to this there will be imthe market and he had no doubt of the guilt of these two. On the recommendation of the district autorney, however, which will be suspended a bouquet of

he would sentence them to jail until such time as they could be admitted to the Reform School, multi-colored electric lights, such as has never before been seen in decora-tions in this city.

STOCKS RANGING HIGHER GENTLEMEN Shares Lead.

Cable Advices Report American Se curities Strong Beenuse of Buying Orders From This Side.

New York, March 24.-The stock market opened strong and high-The advances ranged from fractional to two points higher than Satur-

Expectations of unusual activity and excitement in the market brought brokers and spectators early today to the scepe of action. It was generally believed that the transmission to Courcess of the reoprt of the Board of Inquiry upon the less of the Maine and the publication of the report would mark an important forward step in the settlement of the Cuban question, and that it might indeed, bring that long standing ques-

tion to a crisis.

The early cable advices showed the The early cable advices showed the London market on American stocks irregularly changed, as compared with the local closing figures of Saturday, Spanish I per cents were higher, which was a reflection of the Liberal victory at the elections yesterday, which continues the Sagasta ministry in power, The cable advices said that the strength of American stocks in London was largely due to buying orders from this side. ly due to buying orders from this aide and the other divisions of the market there were heavy. The trailing at the opening of the local market was very animated.

The active fetaures were the grangers where the market because Manhatten Localeille and Nash.

shares, Mashattan, Lousiville and Nash-ville and Union Pacific, preferred. The most pronounced rise was in Metropoli-tan Street Railway, which advanced & points in the first few minutes of busi-

The pace set at the opening of business of the advances tempted realizing sales, under which a general reaction occurred. On this recession Metropolitan Street Railway declined over I points, and leaser losses were common. Trading was less getive on the decline.

New York Stock Market. Corrected daily by W. B. Hibbs & Co., members of the New York Stock Ex-

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	Am Sugar, pfd	100	108	161	108
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	Atchison, Top & S. F. pfd	2436	2014	5467	2616
	Baltimore & Ohio	16	16%	16	16%
- 1	Bay State Gay	250	2%	914	216
- 8	Canada Southern	4150	6614	4740	4817
	Chesapeake & Ohio	236	10%	1746	19%
	C. C.C. & St. L	299	127	2510	26%
- 1	Chicago, Bur & Quincy	3914	16	59.5	94%
- 1	Chicago & N W	115%	100%	115%	120
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- 1	Consolidated Gay	171	161	171	191
- 1	Delawarez Hudson	102	104	107	108
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- 1	Ene.	12%	123/	12%	1252
- 1	General Electric	22%	33%	22	3556
- 1	Limois Central	25	100	94	100
- 1	Lake Shore	19916	155	THINK.	185
- 1	Louisville & Nastwille	47.74	51	46%	34
- 1	Metropolitan Traction	134	141	137/4	141
- 1	Manhattan Elevated	9514	1003%	94	10034
- 1	Michigan Central	104	105	194	105
- 1	Missouri Pacific	2534	25	26%	28
- 1	M. K & T. pfil	30%	7454	30274	34%
- 1	National Lead Co.	27	2914	27	2214
- 3	New Jersey Central	1015	245%	3934	1,4436
	New York Central	107 6	113	106%	113
	Northern Pacific	217%	2419	21%	23%
- 1	Northern Pacific, pfd	60	64%	59%	9476
- 1	Pacific Mail	23	27	23	27
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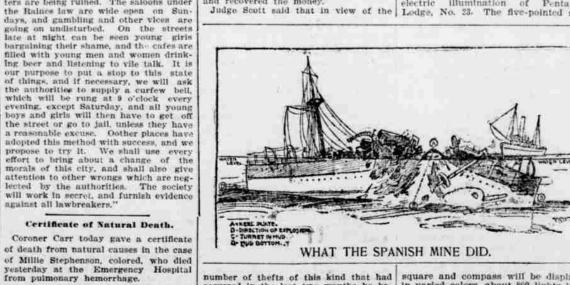
THE M'COY-BONNER FIGHT. Notwithsanding Official Injunction

Ticket Selling Goes On. New Orleans, March 24.-Following close upon the heels of the injunction issued by Attorney General Cunningham, o prevent the McCoy-Bonner glove con-est, which is scheduled to take place onight before the new St. Bernard Athletic Club, comes word from the capital that Gov. Foster has wired the sheriff of

St. Bernard parish to stop the contest at all hazards, and that he will back up his authority with the State militia. A New Orleans company has received orders to hold itself in readiness to act under the sherff's instructions.

The officials of the club are as confident as ever that the fight will take place, and are going right shead selling tickets. Both McCoy and Bonner are doing only the lightest kind of training.

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Frank Martin, colored, who brutally assaulted Sydney Warwick, brother of R. T. Warwick, the saloonkeeper, was sent to jail today to await the result